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TODAY'S FEATURES.

The Turkish government has declared that a state of war exists and has order. ed the commander in chief to assume the

Turks made a night attack on the Greeks.

Serious danger apprehended on the Montenegrin frontier; troops hastening, Fighting between Greeks and Turks at Nezeros, the former retreating, but afterward repulsing the Islamites.

Revolution in Greece predicted if the government accedes to the will of the The Greeo-Turkish crisis reached in the

opinion of Londoners.

The United States will observe strict neutrality in the war between Greece and

The Spanish repeated raids and out-rages and the Culana killed a number of

Banes is still held by the insurgents. Spain will seek to obtain advances of \$30,000,000 more money for Cuban and Phil-The insurgent leaders moved in Sanott

Spiritus, Pinar del Rio to be raidei. Domestle. Several leading republicans of Ken-ncky indicted for conspinicy to bribe; Hanna's egent requested to leave Frank-

A crevasse nearly one mile wide opened in the Louisiana leves at Blaus, near Delia; many more ruined and destitute. Congressman Balley denounced his ac-cusers in unmista Table language.

Galveston 18, Houston 6; Denison 7, Paris 1, Dallas 6, Fort Worth 7; Austin 7, San Antonio I,

Stare. Fire destroyed a number of frame bust-

houses at Beaumont. Dr. Grant has something to say anent applications for office yors of the Houston-Galveston

electric line are at work near Seabro-State Y. M. C. A. adopted several important new features. Smith's bond was fixed at \$300.

Mr. Norton makes answer to Mr. Hain,

Senate-Dills validating incorporan of towns and cities for school pur s, relating to corporations und repassed; exempting ex-soldiers from ocspoke to his text book bill, and amon other things said that in parts of Texas other than the American language was

The House-Houston charter amendmassed to third reading; local court, road and achool bills were pussed; bill disor ganizing Loving county engrossed; Herris county road bill engressed; house reconidered recommittal of railroad consolidation bill and k is before it for action.

Complaint of the St. Louis jobbers was taken up by the commission; Texas jobbers intervened and asked for a widening of the differential; New Orleans joined St. Louis; several witnesses were examined; Commissioner Reagan said if the rates were lowered Texas rates would also go down; commission will take up the question again at St. Louis, April 26, Commissioners on rates to the guif ef-fected permanent organization.

Local, 'The wind-up of the Travelers' Protect

fve association convention.

Programmes of the conventions to be held here this week, viz, the Veterans Kulphia Templars and Grand Army of the Republic operampment,

How Elaster will be observed today in A pica for junior work in the Christian

Endeavor convention.
The installation of the Shriners. The Rese Croix banques

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A STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

Turkey Makes a Formal Announcement to the Powers of Europe.

TROOPS ORDERED TO ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE.

The Incursion by the Greeks on Turkish Territory Construed as a Declaration of Hostilities by the Hellenic Government.

A SHARP ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED AT NEZEROS

Turks Attempted to Occupy Neutral Territory and Attacked and Grocks, but Were in Turn Repulsed by the Latter Wh Artillery Was Brought Into Play.

Constantinople, April 17.—The council calinisters, after a session at the palace, today declared 1 25 war had broken out on the frontier owing to incursion Bay Greeks on Turkish territory and Edhem Pasha, the skish military commander, was ordered to assume the offensive.

The situation is summed up in a detailed circular sent this evening to the Turkish representatives abroad. The circular recalls the invasion of Turkish territory and states that the latest incursion was participated in by Greek troops, thereby establishing war.

The circular expresses the hope that the powers, in a spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, the circular adds, and as a fresh proof of pacific sentiment the sublime porte offers to retire the Turkish troops on the frontier if Greece will retire her forces from the frontier and from Crete.

The Greek minister and other representatives have been requested to withdraw from Turkish domain and the representatives of the porte at the court of Athens have been

This announcement of the actual existence of a state of war on the frontier was at first misunderstood, reports that the council of ministers had declared war upon Greece being widely circulated.

Athens, April 18 -1:30 a. m. - The cabinet has decided to protest to the powers against the aggressive action of Turkey. An invasion by Edhem Panha, the Turkish commander, is expected, and the Greek army has taken up position for

Athens, April 18.-1 a. m.-An official dispatch from Larises, dated at 9 o'clock last (Saturday) night says that the Turks, under cover of suckness, are assaulting the Greek forces at Mount smallpuls with great discenses. The Greek resist ance so far has been magnificent and spirited. The Greeks will maintain their positions. The firing began at Crissovali with an attempt of the Turks to occupy a strategic position in the neutral zone. The Turks continue to abandon their advance posts, a general movement apparently taking place. Firing is reported from Moluna.

From Larissa the flanhing of guns can be seen.

Athens, April 17.-In the legislative chamber Premier Delyannis confirmed the dispatches announcing fighting between the Grocks and Turks on the frontier.

Replying to interpellations, the premier said that official advices from the frontier left no doubt about the Turks being the aggressors in Friday evening's fighting. At Nezeros the Turks attempted to occupy a strategic position situated in the neutral zone. This the Greeks could not permit. Thereupon the Turks open ed fire, the Greeks replying. The fight lasted from early in the evening until midnight and ended in a repulse of the Turks. The same Turks again attempted to occupy this same strategic position and again they were repulsed. After the firing ceased orders were issued to the Greeks to maintain their positions, but to avoid provoking encounters with the Turks.

Athens, April 18.-2:40 a. m.-Firing is reported along the whole line of the

RELATIONS SEVERED. GREEKS SUCCESSFUL.

FROM GREECE.

Greek Representatives at Constantinople and Elsewhere Have Been Requested to Withdraw.

Washington, April 18.-The Turkish minister has received a cablegram from the Turkish minister for foreign affairs at has instructed the Turkish commander in chief to protect Turkish interests on the question made the following statement to

on the frontier has been ordered to take have arrived, and there is a general moveall the necessary steps for the defense of the rights of the Ottoman government. The Turkish minister at Athens and Ottoman agents in Greece have been recalled. The representative of Greece at Constantinople and all the Greek consuls in Turkey have

been requested to withdraw." The protection of Turkish subjects in Athena has been intrusted to the German

Italian Reinforcement. Home. April 17 .- It is officially announce ed that two additional battalions of infantry and a mountain battery are going

THE ARTILLERY.

Reinforcements Have Arrived and There is a General Movement of Troops Toward the Frontier.

Athens, April 17.-(Midnight)-In spite of rection. the fact that official reports indicate that firing on the frontier ceased at midday. a telegram from Lariusa at 7 o'clock this evening says that firing continued past 4. o'clock this (Saturday) morning. The line of fire extended from Mount Analipsis to Klephtika Gentelia, a distance equal to ninety minutes march. The Turks, failing back, abandoned several stations, which the Greeks promptly occupied. The Greeks sitton at Tsametka in the rear. The cannonading caused much excitement at each gives in to the great powers, there will be the rights of the nations, crossed the have concentrated in the direction of Mount

At 5 o'clock the firing slackened. It is expected that "the Turks will attempt a night attack upon Analipsis, which is the center of the light. Greek reinforcements ment of troops towards the frontier. Reinforcements are being hurried toward the frontier from all directions.

To Maintain Position.

Athens, April 17 .- 10 p. m .- Orders were strictly on the defensive, but to maintain their positions at all costs.

to take part in the war.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1897.

A shipping agent of a steamship line plying between New York and Athena says that fifty-cight Greeks sailed from New York today and that thirteen of the number were from Chicago, A mass meeting will be held at the Greek church tomorrow and methods of raising money to send the volunteers back to Greece will be dis-

GREEKS MET TURKS.

THE ISLAMITES ATTEMPTED TO CROSS THE PROTTIER.

Hellenes Were at First Repulsed. but Artillery Came Up and the Tide of Battle Turned.

Greek Army in Thessaly.)-Details of the fighting between Greeks and Turks at eventually retreated. Their less has not

they brought into play upon the Turkish news received today from Nescros of a cutter Florence arrived at 11 a. m. from

of Negeros. But according to the official datement made to the correspondent the

THE SITUATION.

A Review of the Matter as It Now London, April 17 .- The Gracco-Turkish situation is understood here to be substantially as fol-

Lowes: clared between Turkey and Greece, but it has been declared officially to have "broken out."

The Turkish cabinet has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Greece and has ordered Edhem Pasha, the commander of the Turkish forces, to take the offensive, It is considered in London that war between Turkey the Turkish declarations that war has broken out being morely for the purpose of diplomatieally putting the cause of the war on Greere.

TURKISH TROOPS MOVING.

Massing of Albanians on the Monte-

Salonica, April 17. - A battallon of Albanians stationed at Uskub, in readines TURKEY RECALLS HER MINISTER TUSHED BACK THE TURKS WITH sent in haste to Berana, on the Montenegrin frontier, and another battallon now in course of formation, will follow so soon as possible. This unexpected movement of Turkish troops toward the Montenegrin frontier has given rise to the peort that from London to the frontier of Greece, serious danger is apprehended in that di-

> Russian Officers Acquitted London, April 17 .- A dispatch to the insurgents on the Island of Crete, were

tried at Sebastopol and acquitted.

bombardmend was undertaken. War or Revolution. says: One thing is certain, if Greece a revolution. The Greek people are so earnest in this afair that they would rise to a man against the government if it showed the white feather.

DENUDED OF TROOPS.

Comparative Lack of Numbers Notes in the Cup Valley. Elassons. April 17.—(Copyrighted, 1897,

by the Associated Press.)-The correspondent of the Associated Press yesterday was enabled to ride up to Manquia Pass and inspect the Cup valley, northeast of which is Elassons, where the Turkish headquarters is located. To all appearances the valsent this afternoon to the Greeks to keep lev is almost denuded of troops. The correspondent saw only three squadrons of cavalry, three batteries of field artillery and a few battallons of infantry. There

point on the frontier in imitation of aimtlar movements upon the part of the Greek

White diplomacy is slow there is gree military activity on both sides of the fron-

No further news has been received from Macedonia regarding the movements of the Greek irregulars.

The weather remains bitterly cold in the mountains.

THE CRISIS REACHED.

NEZEROS BATTLE CAUSED THAT OPINION IN LONDON.

Neither Power Can Keep Up the Strain Much Longer-The Sultan's Advisers Counsel War.

by the Associated Press)-Easter being the the Turkish forces to occupy an abandoned else, had succeeded beyond all hope in holding back Turkey from plunging into is still able to mobilize an enormous and Turks opened fire and a sharp engagement efficient army. Whether this is a good asting four hours ensued. The Greeks omen for Europe and for civilization, it Greece besitate. Trade is at a standstill in both countries and the people are already resumed. The Greeks, in the meanwhile, Turkey is probably spending one-half that that a crists has finally been reached.

The dispatch of the Associated Press tations and that the Turks are retreating, at Lariesa stating that diplomary is slow The frontler dispatches during the past courting, etc., and the Greek fleet off the stand of Milathes has been ordered to be the base of supplies of the Turkish army nmediately after the declaration of war. has been impossible to ascertain what daily councils of the Turkish ministers at Yildiz Kiosk, but it is hardly likely that he sultan will be able to withstand the remure brought to bear upon him by the war party if it is demonstrated that the regular troops have once been engaged.

the arrival of the Greek command er in chief, Crown Prince Constantine, on he frontier, Greek emissaries have scoured ing of the inhabitants against Turkish rule, ut it is reported these agents have been ather disappointed and that the National in absolute promise that its forces will be rted by those of the regular army. It is understood that agents in London of he National league have been active for

the regulars. four large steamers there have been converted into armed cruisers and they will sent to loin the fleet in the Dardanelles. Large quantities of French shells and to the north. cartridges arrive by every steamer reaching the Bosporous from Marseilles.

from all parts of the world eight yesterday arrived at Kallabaka from New York.

force of regulars. The Roman Catholies of Greece and Crete the pope to intervene between Turkey and Greece, seeing that the powers have falled

is not inclined to interfere. The Princess of Wales, from Copenhagen is making arrangements to have nurses sent TURKISH INDULGENCE.

Pointed Out to the Powers That

They Can Whip Greeks.
Parls, April 17.-A dispatch from Con-Observer from Athens says that four Russian officers who refused to bomhard the sent a communication to the ambassadors, pointing out that if the Greeks have suc-Russian crews threatened mutiny if the ceeded in crossing the frontier, taking the Turkish positions at many points, it is because Edhem Pasha, the Turkish com-New York, April 17.—A copyright special mander, desired to carry out instructions to the Journal and Advertiser from Athens to the effect that he should remain on the defensive in order to prove beyond dispute that the Greeks were the aggressors.

War Inevitable. New York, April 17.—A special to the Herald from Constantinople says: Vice Admiral Kalan von Hofe has left for

Admiral Kalan von Hofe has left for Salonica to survey the placing of torpedoes and put the enfrance of the gulf in a state of defense.

In consequence of the fresh incidents at the frontlet, diplomatic circles begin to despair of the manifestations shrdl shrdlum spair of the maintenance of peace, and in Turkish circles war is considered as inevitable.

Against the Commission. peal of the act for an international mone tary conference under which President Mc-Kinley appointed Measrs. Wolcott, Paine Greeks Leaving Chleago.

Chleago, April 17.—The Greeks in Chicago and not over the news from Atheas and Constantinople. There are about 2000 Greeks in Chicago and not over twenty of them are marfied, the remainder being almost entirely made up of young and middle-aged.

And a few battalions of infantry. There was no semblance of a big camp, whereas and Stevenson, and all acts on the statute books authorizing the United States to participate in such conference was introduced today by Representative Lewis. (Dom.) of Washington. He says his object toops in bosition at Elassons. The indications are that either the Turkish troops mission which he believes will accomplish nothing. These monetary commissions, he says, have cost \$500,000, and nothing has rounding Elassons for concealment or they

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

Levee in Louisiana Succumbs to the Great Weight.

THE TOWN OF DELTA INUNDATED.

Opening of the Roaring Torrents Nearly One Mile Wide.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEES RELIEVED

Weak Spots Reported Elsewhere. Pine Plantations Covered-River Is Palling at Helenn.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 18.-(Midnight.) An official report says that the crovasse

At 16 o'clock this morning the river showed a fall of 2.10. The United States Davis Island, and reports a second break in Louisiana tramediately in front of Bedford's Landing. This may possibly be the break at Biggs', as the Placence came un the chute and was some distance from the main line of the levec.

At 10:30 the town of Delin was more than half under water, and it is believed the inundation will be entire before dark.

rived at I p. m. from the Biggs crevasse, and reported the break was 1200 feet wide State convicts, 380 in number, were all safely put on the steamer Natchez this

The United States steamer Ethridge, with Assistant Engineer Hyder on board, arrived at the break at noon and will remain there in the hope of saving people in dan-

morning for Baton Rouge.

ger of losing life.

The rumored break at Bedford's store is fleeing to this city with their stock and other property. The water was seventeen and men who were on the spot say that it poured through in vast circular nasses learne has refused to move again without part of Madison. Tensas, Cataboula and Concordia parishes will be overflowed by great. The number of refugees in the city has been largely increased and they are coming in on every boat. The water floodad canned goods to Greece for the use of ed the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific ratiroad in a few hours and their trains onence. The town of Delta is overflowed

Three white persons, two men and a woman, passed twelve hours in the midst of Among the Greek volunteers arriving the furious waters of the crevasse perched in a tree. They were rescued today.

deeply and planters say that the water will

back up to Milliken's Bend, sixteen miles

Both ends of the levee are crumbling rapidly and Assistant State Engineer H. Bolivar Thompson is of the opinion that it will continue until the gap shall have become fully a mile wide.

The levee was eighteen feet high and had a low battine in front of it about eighteen feet deep, well grown up with willows and cottonwood. Your correspondent
visited the crevisses this foremoon and althours it was only twelve hours old it gave
promise of being the most formidable Louleiana has ever before known, with, perhaps, the single exception of the great
Morgan sea. An immense river, not less
than 1500 feet wide, and rushing forward
like a cataract, was roaring through the
great gap in the embankment with such
force that pothing seemed able to withstand its fury. Stout trees were seen to
quiver and reel in its path and then go
down to be swept away in the backwater
at race horse speed. When the current
garrows to plunge through the crevisse it
curls in great whirlpools at the edge, causing a decression of from six to ten feet,
and then as it chases on the ragged ends
of the broken levee it breaks into enormous foaming waves which assert themselves for half a mile from the inside of
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